

REMARKS

Preliminary Matters

Applicants thank the Examiner for initialing and returning the SB/08 Forms submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) filed February 1, 2005, October 19, 2005, June 12, 2007, and August 23, 2007, thereby indicating that the references listed therein have been considered. Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. The Examiner's acceptance of the drawings is further appreciated.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 for various informalities set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. The noted informalities have been corrected. Thus, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 and submit that the claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants amend claim 1 to recite an outputting step of outputting the outside diameter of the including circle. Applicants submit that the claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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